

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16 and 18. Claim 17 is the only pending claim.

REMARKS

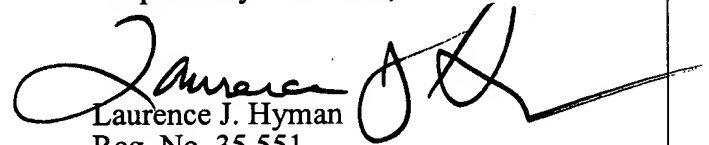
The amendment to the specification updates the priority information to reflect the filing of this divisional application. The amendment to the claims cancels claims 1-16 and 18 examined in parent case 08/776,271, filed January 12, 1998.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claim now pending in this Application is in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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